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FOR DIRECTOR KEOGH FROM AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT: USE OF WIRELESS FILE

REF: USIA 11628 CIRCULAR

REGARDING TWO QUESTIONS RAISED REFTEL CONCERNING USEFUL-
NESS OF WIRELESS FILE I HAVE FOLLOWING COMMENTS:

1. IN SPECIAL GUATEMALAN CONTEXT WIRELESS FILE IS HIGHLY
USEFUL. LOCAL NEWSPAPERS RELY HEAVILY ON NON- U. S. WIRE
SERVICES, PARTICULARLY AFP AND EFE. BOTH SERVICES HAVE
STRONG ANTI- U. S. BIAS. WE ARE ABLE TO OFFSET THEIR
IMPACT WITH WIDESPREAD PLACEMENT OF WIRELESS FILE MATE-
RIALS. FOR EXAMPLE, DURING PAST THREE MONTHS, WE HAVE
PLACED A MONTHLY AVERAGE OF 300 NEWS ITEMS (6000 COLUMN
INCHES) WITH ALL LOCAL NEWSPAPERS. WE ALSO GET GOOD
USAGE ON LOCAL RADIO AND TV.

2. IN PERIODS OF INTERNATIONAL TENSION WIRELESS FILE
ASSUMES INCREASED IMPORTANCE. DURING UN SECURITY
COUNCIL MEETING IN PANAMA ONLY SOURCE LOCALLY FOR PUBLIC
PRESENTATION OF U. S. VIEWPOINT WAS MATERIALS FURNISHED
BY USIS.

3. OTHER IMPORTANT USE WE MAKE OF FILE RELATES TO MAJOR
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U. S. POLICY STATEMENTS. THESE WE REPRODUCE AND SEND TO
ALL NEWSPAPERS AND ABOUT 150 PERSONS IN OUR INNER CIRCLE
AND PRIMARY AUDIENCE LIST.

4. I AM AFRAID THAT IF WIRELESS FILE IS DISCONTINUED A
MAJOR SOURCE FOR GETTING THE U. S. VIEWPOINT ACROSS IN
GUATEMALA WILL BE LOST. PROSPECTS FOR GREATER LOCAL USE
OF MORE EXPENSIVE AF AND UPI WIRE SERVICES ARE NOT GOOD,
SO THAT WE WOULD IN EFFECT BE ABANDONING FIELD TO UNFRIENDLY
FOREIGN NEWS SERVICES.
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